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SUBJECT: LOS: UNCLASSIFIED WEEKLY SUMMARY WEEK ENDING  
THURSDAY, PM MARCH 20

1. SUMMARY: SECOND SUBSTANTIVE SESSION OF LAW OF  
SEA CONFERENCE OPENED IN SOBER ATMOSPHERE WITH  
APPARENT WIDE RECOGNITION THAT FAILURE TO ACHIEVE  
SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS AT THIS SESSION WILL SUBSTAN-  
TIALY MINIMIZE CHANCES OF ANY WIDELY ACCEPTABLE  
LOS AGREEMENT. THREE MAIN COMMITTEES MET TO DISCUSS  
PROGRAM OF WORK WHICH FOR FIRST TWO OR THREE WEEKS  
WILL INCLUDE ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN MORNING ONLY AND  
INFORMAL WORKING GROUPS OR SMALL GROUP NEGOTIATIONS  
IN THE AFTERNOON. OTHER INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WILL  
CONTINUE IN TANDEM WITH WORKING GROUPS. DELE-  
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GATION PLANS SHORT WEEKLY SUMMARIES WHICH

EXCEPT FOR THIS WEEK WILL COVER WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY NIGHT. CONSOLIDATED DAILY DELEGATION REPORT WILL SUBSTITUTE FOR SEPARATE COMMITTEE REPORTS EXCEPT WHEN EVENTS REQUIRE SEPARATE REPORT. END SUMMARY

2. PRIOR TO OPENING PLENARY SESSION GENERAL COMMITTEE HELD BRIEF MEETING ON MINOR PROCEDURAL MATTERS INCLUDING ADDITION OF ARABIC AS WORKING LANGUAGE, REPLACEMENT OF BELGIUM BY IRELAND AS VICE PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRIOR AGREEMENT, REPLACEMENT OF AGUILAR OF VENEZUELA BY GALINDO POHL OF EL SALVADOR AS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE 2 WITH VENEZUELA REPLACING EL SALVADOR ON DRAFTING COMMITTEE, ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL AGENDA. ALL ITEMS RATIFIED BY PLENARY WITH DISPATCH.

3. CONFERENCE PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE IN OPENING ADDRESS URGED COMMITTEES TO BEGIN IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATION TO MEET WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND OTHER CONFERENCE OFFICERS TO CONSIDER FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION. HIS RECOMMENDATION TO SCHEDULE FORMAL COMMITTEE SESSIONS ONLY IN MORNING TO FACILITATE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY ALL THREE COMMITTEES. ADDRESS LISTED AS ESSENTIAL ACHIEVEMENT ARTICLE TEXTS OF C-2 ISSUES INCLUDING TERRITORIAL SEA, STRAITS, AND ECONOMIC ZONE.

4. AT FORMAL MEETING OF COMM. 2 (TERRITORIAL SEA STRAITS, ECONOMIC ZONE) CHAIRMAN'S WORK PROGRAM WAS APPROVED WHICH WILL ENTAIL INFORMAL MORNING MEETINGS TO CONSIDER ARTICLES IN MAIN TRENDS PAPER BEGINNING WITH PROVISIONAL TERRITORIAL SEA WITH VIEW TO REDUCING DIFFERENCES. CHAIRMAN INDICATED THIS INTENTION TO UNDERTAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN INFORMAL WORKING GROUPS AND CONSULTATIONS IN AFTERNOON. IN COMMITTEE 1 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON FLORES OF BRAZIL IN ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN ENGO (CAMEROON) WHO HAS NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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YET ARRIVED, ANNOUNCED THAT C-1 WORKING GROUP WOULD CONTINUE WITH ARTICLES 1-21 ON REGIME FOR SEABED WITH EMPHASIS ON ARTICLE 9 (WHO SHALL EXPLOIT), AND ON CONDITIONS OF EXPLOITATION. BASIC CONDITIONS, WHICH GIVEN SHORT SHRIFT IN CARACAS BECAUSE OF PREOCCUPATION WITH ARTICLE 9, WILL BE INITIAL SUBJECT FOR WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION, AND CONSIDERATION OF REGIME ARTICLE IS SCHEDULED TO

END BY APRIL 4. COMMITTEE 3 (SCIENCE, ENVIRON-  
MENT) WILL TAKE UP QUESTIONS OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT,  
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY  
FROM POINT LEFT AT CARACAS. INFORMAL SESSIONS  
WILL ATTEMPT TO REDUCE ALTERNATIVES.  
GROUP OF 77, WHICH MET DURING WEEK PRIOR TO  
OPENING SESSION, HELD ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AS DID  
LANDLOCKED GROUP, AND OTHER INFORMAL CONSULTATIVE  
GROUPS. CHAIRMAN OF GROUP OF 77 IS KEDADI (TUNIS-  
IA) LAMINE FADIGA, HEAD OF IVORY COAST DELEGATION  
WILL BE AFRICAN GROUP CHAIRMAN IN PLACE OF AMB.  
CISSE (SENGAL). OTHER CHANGES IN BUREAUS AND  
WORKING GROUPS WILL BE REPORTED AS AVAILABLE. DALE  
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